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WARNS WORLD **AGAINST DRIFT** TO CLOSE DOOR

Sec. Hoover Says Equal Trade Is Vital to Peace.

AYS NATIONS AID COMMERCE

Scores Trend as Dangerous If U. S. Enters In Race.

NEW YORK, May 18 .- Herbert loover, Secretary of Commerce. aded for free competition in inrnational trade, equal to oppornities and the open door-a licy, he declared, to which the nited States has long been pledged and warned that if the day comes when America is forced to abandon that policy, it will be a day of "infinite loss to progress and liberalism," in his address before the National Association of Manufacturers ere tonight.

"I am not going to talk about the tariff," Mr. Hoover declared, "for what we do, or do not do, regarding the tariff is immaterial so long as we treat all nations equally. We ask no special favors for ourselves—but an equal opportunity.

Are Closing Door.

There is a rapid drift in many countries away from the open door, and it has a direct reflection upon us. We find that many nations are restricting development of natural resources within their boundaries to their own citizens. There is but one form of restricton with which we form of restriction with which whave sympathized—that those who come within our borders to labor shall be of a type and number that will meit into our population. This is not a restriction upon commerce.

"We find today that various government of the street of the str ernments are directly, or indirectly, lending influence and support to se-cure for their nationals in countries foreign to the exclusive concessions over raw materials and the implements of commerce. This will shut the door and close equality of op-

Scores Import Combines.

Mr. Hoover scored the "encour-agement given to combinations of importers" and the creation of importers" and the creation of "shakedown gangs" and traffickers in fake liquor permits. Politicians, dominate the efforts of individua. Federal and State officials were said merchants of other nationalities in foreign trade," and declared that this represented a tendency towards miltant exploitation and domination of commerce of which the whole commercial world must take notice,
"It can," he said, "become a menace to the peace of the world."
"This is not a threat," he concluded, "nor is it an announcement of a national policy. It is a plea world should stop, look n. For if the day comes when the United States, with her gigantic resources and the intelligence of her people, shall be forced to enter upon these courses in her

Admiral W. S. Benson, chairman of the Shipping Board, also ad-dressing the association, declared that the last few weeks had shown material progress in the adjustment

of a vexatious labor system. U. S. Independent.

"America is ship independent," he "America will remain so. You" men representing the great manu-facturing plants of these United in Washington, is supported. States can make or mar American opporunity. That opportunity is ship and sail in American snips."
Turning to the marine strike, Admiral Benson declared:

Admiral Benson told the associa-tion that reports from all ports \$1,400,000 that the movement of ships is going steadily on. He declared that the wage reductions sought by the Shipping Board were moderate and

PARSON FOR 75,000

NEW YORK. May 18.—In the Lit-counter less vigilance and illicit the Church Around the Corner to-stills will find it easier to break the twenty-fourth anniver- the law. sary of its rector, the Rev. Geo. Clark 1897, he has been in charge of the famous church, otherwise known as the Church of the Transfiguration. He succeeded his uncle, the Rev. the Atlantic seaboard. George Hendric Houghton, founder

church gained its name. "It was at the death of a very distinguished George Holland." "Joseph Jefferson tried to arrange for his funeral in a church but said that there was a little church around the corner which would do it. Joseph Jefferson's 'God bless the little church around the corner.' was like a flame."
People say that Dr. Houghton has
married more than 7.500 couples.

Picket First to Die **During Marine Strike**

NEW YORK, May 18.—The first death in the national marine strike occurred here today when Jose Rigo, striker, who was a picket near the pier of the Savannah line steam

ship company, died from a bullet wound in his breast, He had accosted two colored kebreakers according to the po-One of them. Arthur Green, it as said, shot Rigo and attempted escape by running along the aterfront. He was pursued and ar-ated by police.

Troop Horse Beats Rivals But Bluebloods Get Prizes

Enlisted Man Wonders at Precedence of Rank. Even Among Horses, As Revealed at Judges' Decision on Hurdles Exhibition.

"He's shy on confirmation, and he

comes to going over he's just a

After three days' stiff grilling the American Remount Association

Three Days' Test.

The three days' test included

Heavy Polo Mounts.

however to carry away a ribbon. The animal is an ideal polo pony

of the heavy type and with further

schooling promises to be a ribbon winner of the future. The blue for

the polo ponies went to "Dud," be-long to Capt. J. R. Williams.

The "baby" hunters in the novice jumpers class made a remarkable showing. The victor, "My Choice."

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PLANS TO GROUP

Similar to Kenyon

Welfare Act.

As the second step in his program

several weeks ago of a bill provid-

The action was taken a little in advance of the regular process in

As does the Kenyon bill, that of

Senator McCormick provides for the

grouping of public health, educa-

tional and social welfare activities. Provision for the establishment of a Department of Public Works.

grouping all important engineering

the budget bill and it was later

announced that this measure prob-

ably would be brought out of com.

mittee next week and pushed to its

Early Report Expected.

The Joint Educational Committee

is expected to complete its work next week and make an early re-

war risk insurance bureau and the

In the reorganization plan the

CHICAGO, May 18 .- Sir Auckland

ddes, accompanied by Lady Ged-

des., arrived in Chicago today from

until Thursday night when he will

A round of receptions and enter-tainments, including sightseeing trips, have been arranged here for

port. Whatever the committe

vocational training board.

Chicago Entertains

organization plan.

return to Washington

passage.

ing for a budget system and inde-

M'CORMICK BILL

"Buddy," victor in the endurance

pain jumping fool,"

Patton, jr.

There's a tradition in the army that a general's horse is a better jumper than an enlisted man's, but Corpl. Martin Waters, of Troop L, who rides "Cheesemont," a cold-"He's shy on confirmation, and he blooded troop horse, can't see it ain't got no pedigree, but when it

In the hardest class of the day at the National Capital Herse Show yesterday, over three five-foot hur-dles and the triple bar, "Cheesemont made a big hit with every-body but the judges. Out of a very large field of jumpers and troop horse was conspicuous like a tub norse large field of jumpers and troop horse was conspicuous like a tub over a "Buddy," an entry of the Army Redime. He took the five-foot bars mount Service.

Blue Bloods Rap.

"Jeff," Gen. Pershing's entry rapped, as did "Hexagon," the Du Pont entry. Naturally "Cheesestiff cross country ride of 30 miles which the horses were required to make in four and a half hours, and an exhibition of the horses schoolthe Du mont" had to come in for a ribbon, but what Corpl. Waters couldn't ing and jumping in the show ring understand was why "Jeff" got first and "Hexagon" second. Of the eight entries for the trophy practically all finished the cross country ride in the required time. "Conformation" is what counts,"

the judges said. I'll do 'em over again, if that's what you want." said Waters. The judges explained "conforma-tion" and also that "Cheesemont"

OFFICIALS SAID TO BE INVOLVED **IN "BOOZE RINGS"**

Dropping of 740 Agents Blow to Dry Law, Says Kramer.

CHICAGO, May 18 .- Prohibition enforcement quarters in Chicago to-day snapped and cracked with rumors of a great baring of bootlegging, but officials who might know what's in the air were mum and those few who talked dodged standing responsible for their state-

known, leaked out," said Col. H. C. Earnshaw, who, with a squad of special agents has been working on secret investigation for four months. "There'll he no more leaks if we can help it."

But there persisted talk of numerous "booze rings" many more whakedown earns its distance of the state of the sta

to be involved amazingly.

Seventy Agents Dismissed.

There were some really important developments, though. The Internal Revenue Department at Washington announced ap-pointment of John Kjellander, to be supervising prohibition agent to succeed the lately resigned Frank

Richardson.

Ralph W. Stone, director for Illinois, will quit his office two weeks first of which was the introduction

rom today.
Stone made public the list of sevown protection, it will be a day of that the agents were ousted because of infinite losses to real progress and real liberalism."

Medili McCormick, of Illinois, yespected balance of an original appropriation of \$1.500,000 for deepender of constracy with bootleggers. Stone that the agents were ousted because of consiracy with bootleggers. Stone showed telegraphic orders from Washington ordering the cut because of a lack of appropriations.

terday introduced a bill for the establishment of a Department of S. C., navy yard. The amendment was carried 37 to 29.

The action was taken a little in Senator Borah then proposed an

More Weiness Forecast. For forty days and forty nights,

ginning tomorrow, there will be a perceptible increase in the wetess of these United States. This forecast comes from the office of the Prohibition Commissioner ewed with great alarm by officials of the Anti-Saloon League

Approximately 740 prohibition en-forcement agents will be dropped the service tomorrow, due to "The outstanding question in the present controversy is whether the arbitrary exercise of power under forcement of the Volstead act. The arbitrary extends a leadership is to be allowed to de-leadership is to be allowed to de-feat the determined power of the American people to maintain upon the high seas a merchant marine their own flag."

service will continue that dermanned personnel until July 1.

when the new appropriation of \$7.-bition enforcement already had received a deficiency appropriation of \$1.400.000. This was \$200.000 less tion that reports from all ports \$1,400,000. This was \$200,000 less than the amount asked and the latter sum was never granted.

Blow to Dry Law. "It is the most serious blow which has been dealt to prohibition since enactment of the Volstead act." said Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League. "Bootleggers COUPLES HONORED will be able to operate with greater freedom, booze runners will en-counter less vigilance and illici

At the offices of John F. Kramer, prohibition commissioner, it was stated the heaviest blow would be

Forces on the frontiers already church.

Houghton tells how the gained its name. "It was at watch 150 miles of Mexican border

and it is estimated that 300 are needed o do the work properly. Within the last few weeks four enproperly. of the former probably would be s four enseen killed tor McCormick said no additional department is established in his rearrange for his funeral in a church forcement officers have been killed near here and the rector refused, on the Mexican border.

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BORAH FACTION WINS BATTLE ON NAVAL BILL

Senate Votes 39 to 31 Against \$1,000,000 Increase.

INSURGENTS AIDED BY 23 DEMOCRATS

Disarmament Advocates Aim to Cut Navy Personnel.

Republican insurgents, allied with Democrats, leaped into control in the Senate yesterday and broke up "the regular program" calling for a \$500,000,000 outlay for the navy next year.

Judging of the entries condition after the run and their schooling On the first test of strength the insurgents demonstrated that they reduced the number of contestants to three—"Buddy," "The Crag." enare not only able to overthrow many tered by Maj. C. P. George, and "King-like," entered by Maj. G. S. of the Naval Affairs Committee's recommendations, but they can also muster sufficient votes to force the In the jumping contest, closing the test, "Buddy" carried away the blue, second and third place going to "The Crag" and "Kinglike." adoption of virtually any kind of a disarmament proposal they see fit

They are not disposed, however. o go to unreasonable extremes their leaders declared. It is probtest, was again a contestant in the class for heavy polo mounts. An excellent showing was made in this class by "Minnie," an entry from able that they will go no further than adopting the Borah amendment, which merely requests the President to enter into negotiations Gen. Pershing's stables, who failed with Great Britain and Japan fo an agreement to curtail naval building. It is possible that they may go one step further and adopt the Pomerene amendment asking pend the present naval building program pending the outcome of the proposed negotiations.

Votes Down Increase. belonging to Arthur Allen, or allendale Farms. Alexandria, Va., is a 3-year-old of great promise. The little brown mare took the jumps little brown mare took the jumps committee's recommendations in the three case and grace of a vetfor recruiting, transportation and other purposes from \$3,500,000 to \$4,500,000, a boost of \$1,000,000. The line-up, which may furnish a key to the willingness of administration leaders to drop their fight against disarmament proposals, was as fol-

For the increased appropriation: Republicans, 26; Democrats, 5—to-

Against the increased appropria-tion: Republicans, 16; Democrats, 23—total, 39.

The "regulars" rallied tempor-**BUREAU SERVICES** arily from this defeat and obtained the adoption of an appropriation of \$9.000,000 for the maintenance of docks and yards. This was \$1.500,-New Senate Measure Is 900 more than the House allowed. The Senate committee's amendment carried by a vote of 38 to 33. Another small item of \$250,000—an increase of \$190,000 over the House

As the second step in his program allowance—for vehicles was adopt of government reorganization, the ed by a vote of 37 to 29.

Kills Dry Dock Appropriation. The insurgents regained control the effect of the effect of Washington, proposed an time. enty prohibition agents in the central district who have been dis-

advance of the regular process in amendment cutting off an appropriation of \$1.150,000 for a dry doc order that the Joint Congressional Committee on Education and Labor, which is considering the Kenyon bill that of the Market the benefit of Senator McCormick's plans.

Would Group Activities.

As does the Kenyon bill, that of the Roreh amendment to the Senator McCordinal Construction outright. The Senate adopted the Market McCordinal Construction outright. the Borah amendment 40 to 29 Various Pacific projects approved except that at the request of Sena-tor Borah, the amendement for a

naval supply base at Alameda, Calif., was passed over. Borah will fight this provision. Aim to Cut Personnel.

and building services of the gov ernment now scattered among vari-Disarmament advocates expect to ous departments. This feature of the reorganization program would be referred to the Joint Senate and use their full strength in an attempt to reduce the personnel of the navy House Committee which has been considering legislation of that to 100,000, which is 20,000 below the figure in the naval apropria-Senator McCormick and Represen-

on bill.
Senator King, of Utah, a Demo tative Good called upon President will offer an amendment reducing last night in reference to the personnel

he personnel.

Asked if he would accept this mandment. Senator Poindexter. chairman of the committee, said 120,000 was the figure carried in the bill, and that he was not au-

thorized to accept a reduction. **VOTES TO CONTROL**

CHICAGO EXCHANGE ports probably will provide for the taking in of the womans bureau of the Department of Labor, the Pen-SPRINGFIELD, III., May 18 .- The senate today passed the first of the Lantz bills directed against the Chicago Board of Trade. The bill Association. received twenty-six votes, the exact number required for passage. Un-Department of Interior may be abolished, as well as the Depart-ment of Labor, and Secretary Fall der the bill, it is required that the director of agriculture has sole power to license such an organizaion as the Chicago exchange, but it is also a requisite that each individual that operates on the board must have a license from the Department of Agriculture. The bill crants to the recently-organized Association of Grain Dealers and Envoy of Britain Farmers full rights and privileges that are now held by members in Chicago and elsewhere in the State. Under the bill that is now through the senate the director of agriculregulations for the operation of

Gladys Deacon May Wed Duke Of Marlborough

Engagement of American Beauty Is Rumored in London Society.

Special Cable to Washington Herald.) LONDON, May 18.—Rumors that the Duke of Marlborough is engaged to marry Miss Gladys Deacon, an American beauty, have not been confirmed. Miss Deacon, however, is now a guest at Blenheim, the country house of the duke.

Miss Gladys Deacon, said to be the loveliest of the three daughters of the late Edward Parker Deacon, is a sister of the Prin-cess Rudsiwill, whose desire to be freed from the Russian prin-led ber to appeal to the Vatican for an annulment.

man crown prince, before his marriage. The Descon family have been

known accially in Europe since long before the day in 1882 when Edward Parker Dencon abot and killed a man whom he naw enter Mrs. Dencon's room at the Hotel Splendide in Cannea, France. The man wan Emile Abellie.

Dencon was sentenced to one year in prison and when he was released he divorced his wife and obtained custody of his

daughters. The Duke of Mariborough was married in 1805 to Consuelo Vanderbilt, daughter of the late W. K. Vanderbilt. The duchess recently divorced him, the decree becoming absolute a few days ago. The duchess is also said to be planning a further matrimonial venture.

JUSTICE WHITE SLOWLY SINKING. PHYSICIANS SAY

Hope Abandoned for Recovery of Celebrated Jurist.

Physicians attending Chief Jus tice White extend no hope for his recovery, according to a report from the Garfield Hospital at an early hour this morning. The jurist was still unconsciou

and bulletins issued by the attending physicians stated "the end is to be expected at any time." A bulletin issued shortly before nidnight was as follows:

"Chief Justice White continues to fail gradually. He has been unconscious throughout the day and the end is to be expected at any

Another issued at 4:35

The last rites of the Catholic Church were administered to the hief Justice by the Rev. John B. want the shooting stopped and law Creedon, S. J., of Georgetown University during a brief period when the charges of the union leaders.

tice held for his work, despite fail-ing health, is indicated by a pile of briefs in the hospital room he first became ill he took them there for study, so he would not cause delay in the work of the Supreme Court.

several times, inquiring the condiand citizens.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE MAY END TODAY

Efforts on the part of Secretary of Labor Davis to end the strike of marine workers, which has hampered American shipping since tion, who investigated the accident, May 1, were resumed last night at decided that the accident was un-a conference with representatives avoidable. a conference with representation of the Marine Engineers Benefician

While nothing definite has yet been announced. Department of Labor officials are hopeful that a solution will be reached within the next twenty-four hours.

British seamen yesterday agreed to accept a 15 per cent reduction in wages, according to a cablegram Andrew Furuseth, president of he International Seamen's Union o America, from Havelock Wilson member of Parliament and presi dent, of the British Sailors Firemen's Union of Great Britain

LAMPBLACK CANDY BLAMED FOR DEATH

candy made of lampblack and A round of receptions and entertainments, including sightseeing trips, have been arranged here for the Ambassador and Lady Geddes, "I have been making an extensive trip throughout the Southwest to ket acquainted with the country," he said. "Nothing of official sighticance attached to my trip. I was particularly interested in the great ranches of the Southwest and in looking over the stockyards at Kambass City."

regulations for the operation of Chicago's main market place.

Constitutionalists Win

Majority in Italy

ROME, May 18.—Practically complete returns of the current Italian general election now give the block, or constitutionalist party 285 seats in the chamber, Socialists 120, Popular value of the current in the chamber, Socialists 120, Popular value of the homes.

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TELLS POLES U. S. ABSTAINS FROM TANGLES OF EUROPE

Secretary of State Declares That Traditional Policy of Nation Still Holds

Secretary of State Hughes, on May 14, addressed the following note to the Minister of Poland, at Washington:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of May 11, in which you recite the reasons why, in your opinion, certain districts of Upper Silesia should be assigned to Poland and urge that the representatives of the government of the United States on the supreme council, the council of ambassadors, and the reparation commission be instructed to exert their influence in favor of a settlement of the matter strictly in accord with the treaty of Versailles and the result of the recent plebiscite.

"In reply I have the honor to inform you that in my opinion the settlement of such boundary disputes as arise in the case under consideration is a matter of European concern in which, in accord with the traditional policy of the United States, this government should not become involved. The attitude of the government in this matter is clearly understood by its representatives in Europe, who will therefore, as far as at present may be seen, take no part in the discussions concerning Upper Silesia, and will express no opinion as to the settlement."

MINGO CITIZENS LANE REQUESTED ORGANIZE LEAGUE TO END TERRORISM

People Demand Law Be Former Secretary of Inte-Restored; Mines Are Operating.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 18 .-Mingo County tonight saw a public The asnes of Franklin Knight Lane uprising against the industrial may be wafted by the winds of an official note to Poland made pubstrife in the Tug River coal region. Mount El Captain over the Yosemite Five hundred citizens, embracing National Park. all types of business and profes- The former Secretary of the Insions, enrolled in a law enforcement terior, who died here early today, league since Sunday, met at the made this request years ago, his courthouse here and launched an widow said. organization to combat the reign of the reign of the combat the reign of the combat the reign of the combat the reign of the chicago for eremation.

Dr. W. J. Mayo, a close friend. terrorism and guerrilla warfare along the Mingo border. They are who recently performed a serious to be sworn in as special State police and will form a volunteer ad-junct of the State constabulary tion of the body showed Lane died

For nearly a year the ordinary law-enforcing agencies have been in a state of collapse while the controversy between operators and barriking miners has been almost a continuous armed siege, punctually striking miners has been almost a continuous armed siege, punctuated by two periods of control by Fereral troops. In less than a year forty men have been shot down in the guerrilla warfare, according to the count of the operators.

Patrola Still Active. Apprehension among the opera-tors of another outbreak of shoot-Apprehension among the operators of another outbreak of shooting tomorrow on the first anniversary of the "battle of Matewan, when ten were killed, subsided somewhat today but all along the trouble zone was much concern and the Control of the Con

Ordinary folks in the towns say they don't care which side started and which side wins, but they do

Admired

restored.

The operators, answering one of he regained consciousness. Shortly afterward he again became unconscious.

The devotion which the Chief Justiness of the union leaders, deny that outsiders have been imported to serve as mine guards. The operators declare they have made no discrimination against the devotion which the Chief Justiness of the union leaders. union men, but they decline to deal

Miss Helen Cooper Run

ommunicated with the hospital man avenue and Euclid street north-everal times, inquiring the condi-ion of the Chief Justice, while Miss Helen Cooper. 16 years old, of Mr. Lane was tremendous tion of the Chief Justice, while Miss Helen Cooper, 16 years old, of Mr. Lane was tremendously internumerous other inquifies were 2566 Georgia avenue northwest, was made by cabinet members, promi- struck in the back by an automo- was responsible for many of the driven by Lawrence A. Myers. movements which got under 1842 Fairmont street northwest. The both during and after the war in injured girl was rushed to the Gar-Americanizing immigrants. field Hospital by Myers. There it was discovered she had suffered and two children, Franklin K. Lane, jr., of Chicago, and Mrs. Phillip morning was serious according to

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Retion

Washington's Fastest Growing Newspaper.

HUBBARD heard again that

wild cry coming from an

open boat at Point Reyes.

Washington's Home Newspaper.

Read

John Fleming Wilson

ASHES BE STREWN FROM MOUNTAIN

going Operation. ROCHESTER, Minn., May 18 .-

rior Dies After Under-

junct of the State constabulary which is now patrolling the trou-

He was recovering from the op-eration and was "up and around." Tuesday night when his brother. George W. Lane, was reading to him he appeared jovial and rehim he appeared jovial and re-marked it had been "a wonderful day for me." He said he felt very much better and plans for leaving the hospital were under way.

the State police on this side and the former President Wilson's Cabinet sailles treaty must be upheld and respected. the State police on this side and the militia of the Kentucky side redoubled their patrol activities.

There was no firing today except an occasional signal shot from the hilltops where sentinels keep ministration. He was repeatedly with the treaty and some and the ministration. He was repeatedly with the formula of the most of yesterday afternoon, said:

"The Chief Justice is gradually sinking. He is unconscious and his heart and respiration are progressively failing."

"DR. FRANCIS R. HAGNER "DR. THOMAS S. LEE."

"DR. THOMAS S. LEE."

watch on the valleys.

Nearly all the mines were operated in settling labor problems, the foremost figure in the least twice in the foremost figure in the least twice in the respect to the French railroad strike just previous to the famous eight-hour died windows and doorways show where last week's fight was hardest.

Want Law Restored.

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"Ormer Director General McAdoo an impertinence is fraught with tween the former Dir Director General McAdoo

Admired Mr. Wilson.

When Mr. Lane resigned from the Wilson Cabinet efforts were made to construe the act as a break with There was no foundation for this however, as Mr. Lane, while not always agreeing with the Pres-ident, had a profound respect and admiration for him. This friendship was put to a test during the war when Mr. Lane, acting on behalf of the government, sought to fix prices of coal to be used by Down by Automobile the government. Secretary of War Baker repudiated the prices establisher by Mr. Lane, something of an While crossing the street at Sher- in. a-Cabinet conflict arose, and

President Wires Condolence. Franklin K. Lane was an "out-tanding American," President CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

In the first place, Andre Tardies The Other Shoe A BLUE RIBBON ROMANCE In Next Sunday's Herald

AMERICA TAKES NEUTRAL STAND ON SILESIA WAR

Plea Refusing to Interfere in Dispute.

DECLARES PROBLEM EUROPÉAN CONCERN

Lloyd George Reaffirms Intent to Use Strong Hand in Poland.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.) By JOHN STEELE.

LONDON. May 18.- The present European situation is viewed offcially as the most serious since 1814. Upper Silesia is a frebrand and Prime Minjster Lieyd George is re-sponsible for conditions which have brought us to the verge of anoth-

war."
This statement was made this aft-This statement was made this afterenoon by a high British diplomatic official after he had read Lioyd George's statement of today, reaffirming his house of commons speech on Upper Silesia and attacking, in most bitter terms, the French newspapers. Diplomats here believe that nothing can prevent the French government and French public opinion from interpreting the attack as being made on the government as well as the newspapers. papers.

The United States government, in lic yesterday, emphasized its decision to maintain a hands-off policy on questions of strictly European

The American position was drawn into official explanation by a request of Poland for United States support of its contentions in Silesia. Secretary of State Hughes, in reply, declared that "the set-tlement of such boundary disputes as arise in the matter under cor sideration is a matter of European concern," in which under the "tra-ditional policy of the United States,"

The Hughes note further tends to confirm the belief of diplomats and officials reported in these dis-patches, that Hughes and Lloyd George are in perfect understanding and accord in attempting to squelch militaristic diplomacy in

Continental Europe. Lloyd George Again Affirms

Stand on Silesia Question LONDON, May 18.-Lloyd George

"With all respect to the French press," he declared, "I would say that the habit of treating every expression of allied opinion which does not coincide with their own as an impertinence is fraucht with mischief. That atitude, if persisted in, will be fatal to any entente." News that Secretary Hugher has denied the request of Poland for action in the Silesian question is received here as showing the fa-British and American governments are in hearty moral agreement that the United States is distinctly opposed to the militaristic policy of greeted America's entrance into Euopean polities once more as wel-ome assurance that he will have a

strong partner in his contro with Briand. Pleased at Backing

"I have never witnessed such unanimity on any question," said the premier, "all shades of opinion in the American, Italian and British press take the same view." Under these circumstances," he continued, "the Treaty of Versalles is a document of infinite moment— especially to the nations of the on-tente. It binds us together when there is so much to divide us. Those who treat its provisions as if they were the sport of passion and prejwere the sport of passion and prej-udice may not have to live long to regret their hothcadedness."

Briand Faces More Trouble At Meeting of Deputies

PARIS, May 18 .- Premier Briand will face a long and perhaps dan-gerous list of interpellations from members of the chamber of deputies when the chamber ass tomorrow to debate the Silesian

will press home his demand for an explanation of the 132,000,000,000 mark figure accepted by Briance and the supreme council as the to-tal German debt. Tardieu is thus given the most important position in the attack upon the government Sentiment apparently is veering away from the idea of a confer-ence between the British and French premiers, and it is hoped that the differences will be settled diplo-

matically. Meanwhile the newspapers—it spite of Lloyd Georges bouquets of the day-continue to throw bricks at the British premier.

"It is necessary to give Lloye George, Curson and Churchill a les-

son," remarked Bon Soir.
"Lloyd George has become a per.
feet isolationist," says the lutransignant." "As a practical business man he sees Germany only in the guise of a prospective customer-But on the day that Great Britain

is menaced and asks the aid of one of the big powers, is it upon America that she can count?"

Hughes Replies to Polish